

electric cooperatives, yet this complicated section that could easily comprise over 100 pages of text will be released only one day before a final vote. My concerns go far beyond procedural fairness but speak directly to what type of electricity market Congress envisions taking shape in the next decade, and how to ensure that markets do not disadvantage consumers. Will the authority over setting rates and ensuring the reliability of the power grid be handled primarily through individual States or the Federal Government? What incentives are contained in the bill to encourage utilities to serve less populated regions of the country and maintain the infrastructure needed for reliable and dependable service? The answers to these complicated questions lie within the closely guarded deals agreed to by a handful of Senators and Congressman.

It is very important that the conferees have access to these agreements as soon as possible so that conferees can share them with our constituents. The Senate has twice passed comprehensive energy legislation in the last 2 years because of an open and deliberative process that produced compromise and solutions on ethanol and electricity, as well as other contentious provisions. That same openness is needed at this time if we are to construct an energy policy that grows domestic energy sources and secures reliable and available supplies of energy.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2003

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. On May 1, 2003, Senator KENNEDY and I introduced the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act, a bill that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred in Washington, D.C. On August 21, 2003, Aaryn Marshall, 25, was shot and killed. Mr. MARSHALL was a transgender individual, and dressed and lived as a woman. Police have classified the second-degree murder as a hate crime. Mr. MARSHALL was one of three transgendered residents shot in the city in a six-day period in August.

I believe that Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL W. MCGINTY

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Daniel W.

McGinty, upon his retirement from the Federal Government after 33 years of distinguished and dedicated service to our Nation and the Department of Defense.

Over the last 10 years, some of us in this Chamber have had dealings with Dan, as he carried out his responsibilities as the director of congressional and public affairs for the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and most recently with the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA). His frequent dealings with the staff of the Armed Services Committees of the Senate and House have been a paragon of professionalism, diplomacy, and conscientious service. With integrity and an engaging personal style, Dan consistently exercised a remarkable talent for reconciling divergent points of view, and doing so in a way that resulted in mutually acceptable outcome for all involved, be it in the arena of legislation or constituent services.

Dan's career journey began more than three decades ago. Upon his graduation from Eastern New Mexico University in 1970, he entered the Army as a counterintelligence agent at Ft. Ord, California. Following an honorable discharge in 1973, Dan began his Federal civilian career at Kirtland Air Force Base, NM, progressing through a variety of contract-management positions over the ensuing 10 years.

In the mid-1980s, Dan got his first taste of life in the Nation's Capital, serving as the strategic planning officer on the staff of the Commander, Air Force Systems Command. After 4 years in that position, he returned to Kirtland AFB to head up the resources-planning division. Then in 1989, upon the issuance of Defense Management Review Decision 916, which placed all Defense contract administration under DLA's Defense Contract Management Command, Dan returned to the Washington, DC, area to serve as the director of program and technical support for special programs at DCMC headquarters.

But all that was mere prelude to what Dan will best be remembered for—his proficiency, acumen, and credibility as the congressional affairs impresario for DLA and DCMA, two of the Defense Department's leading combat-support agencies. Since February 1994, he has been a highly effective ambassador to Capitol Hill, articulating agency programs and deftly conveying his agencies' perspective on emerging legislation.

Displaying an enviable blend of affability and sophistication, Dan established and enjoyed a marvelous rapport with Senate and House staff. Always responsive and informed, he consistently met the congressional and media demands placed on him while protecting and promoting the interests of the agencies he represented.

Whether he was contributing to the successful development of a classified weapons systems program, responding to pointed questions from reporters, or

explaining contract-management initiatives to congressional staff, Dan McGinty carried out his pressure-packed responsibilities with unwavering diligence, integrity, and competence.

On the occasion of his retirement from Federal service, I offer my congratulations and thanks to this respected resident of northern Virginia, and wish him and his wife, Sue, well in their future pursuits. •

CELEBRATING WORLD CUP SPEEDSKATING IN MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

• Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I call attention to a wonderful sporting event that will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the city of Marquette in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

On those days the United States Olympic Education Center will host World Cup speedskating at the Berry Events Center at Northern Michigan University.

I am sure you recall how short track speedskating suddenly became the sport of the hour during the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, as we all cheered on the American speedskating phenomenon Apolo Ohno. The excitement of this high-speed sport, where a slip and a fall always seems to be just a step away, became one of the most-talked about events of the games.

When the Olympic games were finished and Apolo left with his medals, I am afraid that for most viewers speedskating slipped back into the sports shadows. It was not likely to be a sport that would bump football, golf or NASCAR from the prime Sunday afternoon viewing slot.

Despite this media eclipse, however, speedskating remains as riveting as it was during the Olympics. Highly-trained athletes still challenge both gravity and centrifugal force on the razor edge of their skates. Strategists on the track still plot their pace, waiting for the right moment to begin a sprint or challenge for the lead. And 150 of the world's best speedskaters from more than 25 countries will thrill crowds of northern Michigan residents who know their winter sports, from dog-sledding to ski-jumping.

The event also promises an economic boost to an area that has been sustained many economic blows, and it will showcase Marquette, MI, an All-American community.

I have long supported the United States Olympic Education Center at Northern Michigan University, and I praise them for their successful effort in matching this world-class event to an area that I have always considered world-class in its natural beauty—Michigan's Upper Peninsula. •

IN RECOGNITION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

• Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the work of the Hous-